

Conness of California photographs and a letter asking Congress to pass a bill to protect Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Their successful effort culminated on June 30, 1864, when President Abraham Lincoln signed an Act of Congress that granted Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove to the State of California. This was the first time the national government set aside scenic lands for future generations.

The Yosemite Grant gave the State of California 36,111 acres of Yosemite Valley and 2,500 acres that contained the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. The establishment of this grant was significant in preserving Yosemite for activists like John Muir, who first visited Yosemite in 1868 and subsequently led a 20-year campaign to establish the area outside the existing park as Yosemite National Park.

Jessie Benton Fremont passed away December 27, 1902. Less than four years later, Yosemite National Park was established as it is today. One hundred and ten years after her death, Yosemite National Park remains the crown jewel of California's Sierra Nevada Mountains. Both the Park and the Mariposa Grove are visited by upwards of 4 million tourists per year, who come to enjoy the awe-inspiring vistas, waterfalls, glaciers, meadows, rock faces, and Giant Sequoia trees.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in posthumously honoring Jessie Benton Fremont for her unwavering leadership and activism to preserve the beauty and grandeur of Yosemite Valley for generations to come. Her legacy serves as an example of excellence, and her accomplishments and contributions to Yosemite National Park will never be forgotten.

MARKING 2ND ANNIVERSARY OF PASSAGE OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, on this two year "check up" of the Affordable Care Act, I'd like to share with you some real life examples of how this important legislation is helping Missourians not only stay healthier personally, but improve the health of their small businesses as well.

Last week I took part in a workshop for small businesses, to help arm them with solid information on how the Act can help their bottom line. Lew Prince is a co-owner of Vintage Vinyl, a St. Louis record store. It's a landmark. He's been in business for some 30 years and he's always provided health insurance for his employees. BUT, he said for the first time EVER, his health care costs went down, went DOWN to the tune of 25 percent. With the money he saved, he was actually able to give out a few raises, and he's hired a couple of new people.

The Act has also made a difference for the Wells Family. Sharon Wells and her husband Russell have dealt with inordinate expense for his medicine for Parkinson's disease for years. Thanks to the donut hole coverage provided in the Affordable Care Act, Sharon tells me they have more money in the household budget now for groceries and gas, maybe even a movie from time to time.

Even though these are just two small examples, they contribute to the overall ripple effect of the profound difference this law is making in real people's lives all over the country. In closing, when it comes to helping Americans be more healthy, the Affordable Care Act is precisely what Americans needed. Let's not do anything to interrupt this healthy course of action.

CONGRATULATING DR. WILLIAM EVANS ON RECEIVING THE 2012 REMINGTON HONOR MEDAL

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate William Evans, PharmD, Director and CEO of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, on receiving the Remington Honor Medal from the American Pharmacists Association (APhA). The Remington Honor Medal was established in 1918 to recognize those who have contributed long periods of distinguished service on behalf of American pharmacy. Dr. Evans was honored by APhA for his innovative research with anticancer agents and pharmacogenomics as well as his work for the advancement of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Remington Honor Medal is the highest honor bestowed by the American Pharmacists Association.

Dr. Evans received his PharmD from the University of Tennessee in 1975. While at the University of Tennessee, he established the Center for Pediatric Pharmacokinetics and Therapeutics as a Center of Excellence. This program provided training for new investigators and served as a structure to advance interdisciplinary laboratory-based clinical research that addressed questions central to children's health. Dr. Evans continues to make significant contributions to the University of Tennessee as a Professor and the Endowed Chair at the school's Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy.

Dr. Evans has an expansive career with St. Jude Hospital. He served as Chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences from 1986 to 2002. From 2002 to 2004, he served as the Scientific Director and Executive Vice President before being named the hospital's fifth Director and CEO. Under his leadership, St. Jude has been ranked the #1 Children's Cancer Hospital by US News and World Report, #1 in The Scientist magazine's best places to work in academia and was listed among Fortune magazine's 100 Best Places to Work.

Dr. William Evans is an active member of the medical community and has amassed an impressive list of awards over the course of his profession. He is an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, the American college of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He serves on the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and has served as President of the ACCP, Chair of AAAS's Pharmaceutical Sciences Section and President of APhA-

Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science.

Dr. Evans has received three consecutive NCI MERIT Awards from the National Institutes of Health, several national and international awards including the Rawls Palmer Progress in Medicine Award, the Therapeutic Frontiers Lecture Award, the Volwiler Research Award, and the APhA's Research Achievement Award and Tyler Prize. In addition to his many awards, Dr. Evans is widely published in the field of medical research dating back to 1986. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in congratulating Dr. William Evans on receiving the 2012 Remington Honor Medal.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD E. MOORE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB, ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard E. Moore, following his retirement on February 1, 2012 from Robert W. Baird & Company, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois. A hardworking and successful financial advisor for the company since 1971, he has fostered loyal partnerships with many colleagues and clients throughout his forty year career. Among his professional peers he has earned industry-wide recognition while acting as the president of the Bond Club of Chicago and chairman of the Securities Industry Association Central States District.

Born on September 8, 1943, Mr. Moore grew up in the Chicago area. He earned his bachelor's degree from Loyola University and honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corps Reserve from 1964 to 1970. His dedication to service continued with his extensive involvement in community organizations throughout Chicagoland. In 1974, he joined the Union League Club of Chicago, a social club that helps sustain many of the city's most important cultural organizations, and has since served on several of the club's committees. His dedication to civic responsibility earned him election as president of the Union League Club in June 2005. In addition to these roles, he has advocated for children's education and empowerment in Chicago by serving as a trustee of both the Marine Math and Science Academy and Union League Boys & Girls Club.

Mr. Moore married his beloved wife, Patricia, in 1994. He plans to spend his well-earned days of retirement with his wife, three sons, and six grandchildren.

On behalf of all the Chicagoland residents who have benefited from his dedication to philanthropy, I am proud to congratulate Mr. Moore on his retirement from Robert W. Baird & Company. His commitment to improving his community makes him a model citizen in his community. I am thankful for his extensive volunteer and military service contributions, and I wish him the best in this next chapter in his life.